

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, all the pending claims, are subject to a restriction requirement.

SEQUENCE RULES

The Office Action alleges that sequences are disclosed in the specification that are not specifically identified by their sequence identifier. Specifically, the Office identifies a sequence at page 9, paragraph [00035].

Applicants have amended the specification to add a sequence identifier for the "core PGGG motif" set forth in paragraph [00035]. Applicants were unable to locate any further sequences disclosed in the specification that were not specifically identified by sequence identifier.

Applicants attach hereto a replacement paper and computer readable form (CRF) of the sequence listing. No new matter has been added.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner required Applicants to elect one of twelve patentably distinct inventions for examination. The Office Action alleges that each of the inventions is distinct because, *inter alia*, each of the inventions "requires consideration of separate issues relating to assessment of novelty, obviousness, utility, written description, and enablement." (Office Action at page 5). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants provisionally elect herein Group I, encompassing claims 1-17, "drawn to a transgenic mouse comprising a polynucleotide encoding a human wild-type tau protein, wherein said tau protein is the isoform that is 353 amino acids in length, classified in class 800, subclasses 3 and 18". Applicants understand that upon allowance of the linking claim (claim 1), the Office will withdraw the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions and that any claims depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim will be entitled to examination.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that no serious burden would be imposed upon the Examiner by combining several of the groups.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims encompassed by any of the non-elected groups in future divisional applications.

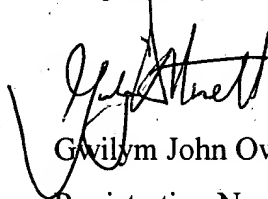
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The examination of these claims and passage to allowance are respectfully requested. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (215) 665-6904 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

Respectfully submitted,



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